

# CELEBRATION *OF THE* AUTHENTIC CAR

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**DULUTH, GEORGIA**

## ***A Different Type of Car Show!***

The Celebration of the Authentic Car (CotAC) was created to showcase authentic, unmodified, and historic pre-war cars. The vast majority of car shows, certainly those in the Atlanta area, now overwhelmingly feature modified and custom cars and most of them are great vehicles. Sadly, many owners of interesting, authentic, and historic cars often won't bring their authentic vehicles to such events.

### **Let's give authentic cars a show of their own!**

*Modified and custom cars, hot rods if you wish, represent an individual's personal style, creativity, and craftsmanship, while authentic cars are different kinds of vehicles: accurate representations of the wide diversity of automotive history.*

**All authentic cars, through 1948, restored or not, are invited to enter the CotAC show.** The idea is that cars in the CotAC show appear visually as they did when new and also maintain their original style drivetrain. For example, small block Chevy engines or mag wheels on a pre-war car are not authentic features. A '34 Ford with a '41 engine or a late Model A Ford with later 16-inch wheels will be fine. **No one should feel slighted that their car doesn't meet the show's narrow criteria.** The point is that should the CotAC automobiles should represent and illustrate the accurate history of their day and time.

**Determination of a particular car's eligibility will be solely at the discretion of the CotAC staff.** And please know that the parking lots and the show fields are right next to each other, just a few feet apart.

***The entry fee for cars accepted into the CotAC car show is a donation to the Southeastern Railway Museum in any amount. Please be generous!***

*The owners of cars not accepted for the show, and all other attendees, will need to pay the museum's admission fees, which range from \$18 to \$12. The museum's buildings will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM.*

CotAC is designed to be a low-impact, fun event, and therefore only visitor-voted 'People's Choice' awards will be given out. **There will be no formal judging.** Participation plaques will be given to the earliest arrivals, but since we have no idea how many entrants this initial show will attract, the CotAC plaques are guaranteed to be limited editions!

Registration and parking lots for CotAC will open for entrants at 8 AM, May 21, 2022. **Advertised hours of the show will be from 9 AM to 3 PM.** There will be a food tent on the property midday and parking areas for trailers also will be provided.

The Celebration of the Authentic Car show is being held to benefit the 40-plus year old, non-profit Southeastern Railway Museum, which is allowing the CotAC show to be held at their facility without cost. If you have not yet visited SRM, you should go immediately! It is consistently voted the most popular museum in Gwinnett County, Georgia.

After the dissolution of the AACA's Southeastern Chapter a few years ago (one of the first four AACA chapters chartered in 1954), Georgia has not enjoyed many car shows devoted to unmodified, historic, and authentic vehicles. It is hoped the Celebration of the Authentic Car will find a permanent place on the calendars of those who cherish such cars.

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